What is Claimed is:

- [1] Antibacterial agents comprising Eysenhardtia adenostylis extract.
- [2] Antibacterial agents containing Eysenhardtia adenostylis extract as an effective ingredient.
- [3] Antibacterial agents

[FORMULA 1]

$$OCH_3$$
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[FORMULA 2]

[FORMULA 3]

[FORMULA 4]

comprising one or more compounds selected from the isoflavan compounds shown in the formulae (1), (2), (3) and (4).

- [4] Antibacterial agents containing as active components one or more compounds selected from the isoflavan compounds shown in the formulae (1), (2), (3) and (4) in Claim 3.
- [5] Antibacterial compositions comprising the antibacterial agents claimed in any of claims 1 to 4.
- [6] Antibacterial compositions comprising Eysenhardtia adenostylis extract.
- [7] Antibacterial compositions comprising one or more compounds selected from the isoflavan compounds shown in the formulae (1), (2), (3) and (4) in Claim 3.
- [8] Antibacterial compositions claimed in any of claims 5 to 7 whose compositions are cosmetics, pharmaceuticals or foods.
- [9] Compositions containing the antibacterial agents claimed in any of claims 1 to 4.
- [10] Compositions containing Eysenhardtia adenostylis extract.
- [11] Compositions containing one or more compounds selected from the isoflavan compounds shown in the formulae (1), (2), (3) and (4) in Claim 3.
- [12] Compositions claimed in any of claims 9 to 11 whose compositions are cosmetics, pharmaceuticals or foods.